



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

Colonel Robert A. Dawson Commander, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade

Colonel Andy Dawson assumed the duties as 402nd Army Field Support Brigade Commander July 2014. He was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate of the College of William and Mary and was commissioned into the Transportation Corps in 1993.

Colonel Dawson has served in a variety of leadership and staff assignments during his career. His first assignment was as a platoon leader and executive officer with the 1098th Transportation Company (Medium Boat), 7th Transportation Group at Fort Eustis, VA. He also served as the Detachment Officer-in-Charge of the 169th Transportation Detachment (Heavy Crane). While at Fort Eustis, Colonel Dawson Deployed to Haiti in 1994 in support of Operation Uphold Democracy and to Ecuador in 1996 in support of Operation Safe Border. In 1997 Colonel Dawson was assigned to Wiesbaden, Germany as the 27th Transportation Battalion (Movement Control) S-3 Operations Officer, 3rd Corps Support Command. The following year Colonel Dawson relocated to Mannheim, Germany and assumed command of the 11th Transportation Company (HET), 181st Transportation Battalion. After command, Colonel Dawson served as the 181st Transportation Battalion S-4. While in Europe, Colonel Dawson deployed to Croatia in 1998 in support of Operation Joint Endeavor and to Kosovo in 1999 and 2000 in support of Operation Joint Guardian. Colonel Dawson's staff assignments include a tour as a Board Recorder, Department of the Army Secretariat for Promotions and Selections, US Army Total Personnel Command from 2000 to 2003. From 2003 to 2004 he served at the Pentagon as a Logistics Staff Officer and War Planner on the Deputy Chief of Staff of Logistics, G4, Headquarters, Department of the Army Staff. In 2005 Colonel Dawson was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas as the Division Transportation Officer, 1st Cavalry Division. He then served as the Executive Officer, Brigade Troops Battalion, 15th Sustainment Brigade, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. While at Fort Hood he deployed in 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2008 Colonel Dawson was assigned as a Joint Exchange Officer to the U.S. Air Force's Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois where he served as Chief, New Requirements Air Refueling Branch, Current Operations Division, 618th Air and Space Operations Center (TACC). From 2011 to 2013 Colonel Dawson commanded the 841st Transportation Battalion, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) in Charleston, South Carolina.

Colonel Dawson holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government and Education from the College of William and Mary, a Master of Science Degree in Management from Troy University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Parachutist Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge

Colonel Dawson is married and has three children.



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